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SHERIFF'S SALE IN PARTITION

Lillie Lolumondier and Clarence Lolumondier, Plaintiffs,

vs.
Annie AuBuchon, widow of Theodore AuBuchon, now deceased, Ella AuBuchon, Francis AuBuchon and Mattie AuBuchon his wife, Mary Presnell and G. W. Presnell her husband, Julia Bequette and Gus Bequette her husband, Inez Rowe and Arthur Rowe her husband, Theresa AuBuchon, Lydia AuBuchon and Joseph AuBuchon her husband, and Earl AuBuchon, a minor, Defendants.

In obedience to a decree of partition in the above entitled cause, made at the May term of the Circuit Court of St. Francois County, Missouri, for 1915, on Wednesday, May 27th, 1915, the same being the 14th day of said term, and affirmed and rendered at the November term of said Court for 1915, and certified to me as Sheriff of said St. Francois County by the Clerk of said Circuit Court, I, the undersigned Sheriff of said County, will, on

Saturday, February 26, 1916, between the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon and five o'clock in the afternoon of that day, at the south front door of the Court House, in the City of Farmington, in said St. Francois County, Missouri, and during the session of the Circuit Court of said County, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for the purpose of partition, the following described real estate, situate, lying and being in the County of St. Francois and State of Missouri, to-wit:

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J. C. WILLIAMS,
Sheriff of St. Francois County,
First insertion Jan. 7, 1916.

Although most other celebrities have been interviewed in 1916, the dove discreetly disclaims being the seventh son of the seventh son.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of Andrew M. Wallace, deceased, were granted to the undersigned on the 11th day of February, 1916, by the Probate Court of St. Francois County, Missouri. All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them for allowance to the Administrator within six months after the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of said estate; and if such claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of the last insertion of the publication of this notice, they shall be forever barred.

JULIA WALLACE, Administratrix.
First insertion Feb. 25.

OFFICE OF ST. FRANCOIS COUNTY RAILROAD COMPANY.

Farmington, Mo., February 8, 1916.
Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 3089 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri 1909, that a meeting of the Board of Directors of the St. Francois County Railroad Company will be held at the offices of the Company in the City of Farmington, Missouri, at the hour of 9:00 a. m. of Tuesday, the fourteenth day of March, 1916, for the transaction of such business as may properly come before such meeting.

M. P. CAYCE, President.
F. H. DEARING, Secretary.
First pub. Feb. 11—5t.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of W. H. Resinger, deceased, were granted to the undersigned on the 1st day of December, 1915, by the Probate Court of St. Francois County, Missouri. All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them for allowance to the Administrator within six months after the date of said letters, or they may be precluded from any benefit of said estate; and if such claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of the last insertion of the publication of this notice, they shall be forever barred.

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SENATOR LEWIS SHOWS UP ROOT'S INSINCERITY

Illinoisian Replies to Speech Made Before New York Republican Convention

Washington, Feb. 19.—Senator Lewis of Illinois spoke to day in the Senate in reply to former Senator Root's address before the New York State Republican Convention, in which Root, denouncing the administration's foreign policy, likened President Wilson to a man "first making his fist and then his finger." He charged Root with inconsistency and hypocrisy and said Root was now hinting at war to make an issue for the Republican party.

"The able ex-Senator said in his key-note speech to the New York Republicans, striking a base note, that it is necessary we should have a President of the United States who has something more than words—who would follow words by actions," said Lewis.

"What action does the honorable ex-Senator, as leader of the Republican party, mean? There can be but one other kind of action and that is war. If the Senator would mean war, why did he not say war? Why mask under utterances ubiquitous and doubtful in form of construction the real meaning of the demand for action?"

Invites Making of Issue.

"If the able ex-Senator, speaking for his party, expected to pledge his party to war as an issue in this country, let him declare it with courage and the Democracy will make it the issue."

Why not tell the people of America now that, if the object is to make the issue against the Democratic President of the United States, that he did not declare war, then say so? This hypocrisy of statesmanship I protest against. As an American who will be called upon to tender all I have in the fateful hour of conflict, I desire to know the purpose on the part of the distinguished leader. If the object is to elect a President under the covert object of war and to hide the truth from the American people under doubtful phraseology, I wish to expose the fault. If, on the other hand, the purpose is that war shall be declared against Germany and that the issue shall be war without regard for its merits, or to the justice of the declaration, then, that they shall come forth and declare it and the country shall judge them by their utterances, by their action, by their sponsors."

Lewis then said that Root was in the Senate at the beginning of the submarine warfare that has brought the United States and Germany almost to the breaking point several times, but did not declare war.

"The Lusitania incident is in the memory of us all," said Lewis. The Gulf incident succeeded it, but this administration, with the co-operation of many of my eminent Republican friends, looking toward peace and concord with all peoples, have turned their attention to achieve results through the only course civilized countries ought to adopt as long as it was available by methods of peace.

President Indicted as Weak.

"Then, says the ex-Senator, 'action.' He indicts the President of the United States as a weak and supine victim of surroundings, whose tendency is to address a note. So the able Senator knowing this is a constitutional Government, failed to tell the country all the President of the United States can do. What else can he do? He may go to the country and speak from his own lips. The only other thing to prevent despots violating their authority and abusing pride of power is that he shall address by note his views, either to the government to which it is addressed, or to the representatives of the people, and through them, and from them alone, may come action. Then if action was a thing that the eminent

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Senator from New York would have the country understand, was it necessary, as a fulfillment of the honor of America? I reply that since the Lusitania incident and the Gulf incident the able Senator was a member of this body, representing the imperial state of New York. There was no power in the world to paralyze his arm from introducing a resolution for action here in the Senate of the United States and in the only place in all America where it could be executed was here where he served in his sovereign capacity. If there was such a wrong upon this country that they could only be righted in honor by war, the disruption of our friendly relations between us and a friendly people, the death of our citizens, the paralysis of commerce, the end of all prosperity and progress in America, then the eminent Senator was equally qualified to present such resolution.

No Tender for "Action."

"The eminent Senator from Indiana (Mr. Kern), the leader of the majority, suggests as I speak that—if such views as expressed by the distinguished ex-Senator from New York are the views of his party—there is not any eminent Senator on the other side but has the same privilege now as he has had before, to tender a resolution for such action. Since there has been no such tender, since the Senator from New York himself never tendered such, why will he be found in a high place, in an elevated position, discharging an eminent trust, so abusing its common sense by attempting to delude the American people by arraigning the President of the United States merely because he is a Democrat as unworthy of their confidence for not doing that which he knows well in power he could not do, and where the circumstances never could justify it?"

Senator Lewis declared that former Senator Root had an opportunity in 1914 to declare war on Mexico, but did not avail himself of it. He charged him with trying to make a party issue of the tariff by delivering a calamity howl at Philadelphia in a recent speech, and failing in that effort, he is now crying the false issue of war.

Referring to Root's declaration that the Government had neglected its duty in not acting more forcefully with regard to Mexico, Senator Lewis read from the New York Senator's speech in the Senate opposing a Democratic proposal for intervention in 1911, and the occupation of Vera Cruz in 1914.

Conditions Same in Mexico.

"The conditions in Mexico now are the same as they have been for more than four years," said Senator Lewis. "These conditions prevailed when the New Yorker was in this body as spokesman for his party. When Senator Stone introduced a resolution, which sought power from the Senate to direct President Taft to act, Senator Root condemned the effort of the Democracy to do everything which he now says should be done. The Senator from New York declared such a course would be a step backward in the path of civilization."

"Who is behind the masters in the Republican party now? Whom do they serve by making war upon Germany? And if they do succeed, then how are they to proceed? They confess that after 16 years' power and at a cost of over \$300,000,000 spent under the guise of national defense, there is no army, no navy, no aviation corps, no fortifications. Did not Senator Root himself on this floor participate in the filibuster to kill the bill which would have provided ships that might have carried our army against an enemy?"

When Senator Lewis had concluded Senator Smoot had inserted in the record Root's entire New York convention speech.

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MUNGER OUT-LINES POLICY

The race for the Democratic nomination for Congress in the Thirteenth District has developed interest in the past few weeks and the indications are that it will be a most exciting one. Congressman Hensley, it is said, will soon make formal announcement of his candidacy for re-election and his experience in Congress will be taken into consideration by the Democrats of the District when they vote at the primary. In this race Wayne county also presents a candidate in the person of Hon. O. L. Munger, who is well and favorably known all over the district through the fact that during a number of years he has been one of the leading lawyers of Southeast Missouri.

Mr. Munger is a real Missouri product. He was born on a Reynolds county farm and spent the years of his boyhood tilling the soil. Then he moved to Carter county, practiced law, edited the Current Local and held various public positions during the many years he was a resident of Van Buren and is intimately acquainted with every old resident of the county as well as a large portion of the population of the district. He is a man in the prime of life and considered well equipped both mentally and physically to perform the arduous duties of the office to which he aspires. Not only is he recognized as an able lawyer, but his temperament is such as to make him peculiarly qualified for a position in Congress and his many friends consider him at least equal, if not superior, to his only active opponent, Mr. Hensley, the present incumbent.

In a letter to the Current Local, outlining his platform in the coming campaign, Mr. Munger has the following to say:

"Since my entry into the race for the nomination to Congress many men have asked me questions as to where I stand on questions affecting the interests of the Nation at this time and I am glad that they do ask me, for they have a right to know, if I seek position wherein I might affect their interests."

"By your permission I will answer some of the questions put to me. I am in favor of the government acting with a determination and fixed purpose to defend our coasts against the assaults of any nation or nations. That such conditions may arise seems apparent, and to do this work in time of peace gives an opportunity for both economy and efficiency, and further, when the seaboard is safe from attack, the interior is safe."

"I am against the emassing of a large standing army, but am highly in favor of a close articulation between the federal government and the states along lines which will enable the government to mobilize an army of efficient soldiers within a reasonable length of time, should occasion demand it."

"I am in favor of absolute neutrality of our nation with relation to the warring nations of Europe."

"I am in favor of public service corporations being permitted to earn reasonable returns upon actual money honestly invested; the health of commerce demands it."

"I am in favor of those performing the labor of the nation, having reasonable hours of labor and such compensation that they can by honest toil and employment, maintain decent homes, have necessary literature for the benefits derived from reading, and that they may educate their families, for no man is greater than his ideals and no nation is stronger than its average citizens."

"I am in favor of the federal government joining with the several states along educational, scientific, economic and commercial lines and in that way render the greatest service possible to the citizen."

"I have always taken the position that the officer is the servant and not the master, and that there should be no secrets with relation to public questions and that the people have a right to know where men stand when they ask for position."

"Respectfully,
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Why on earth was I ever put on earth? one exclaims to himself, if not to others. Of course, the smug and consciously superior people make no such inquiries, but the humble and striving people do, and they, thank God, are in the majority.

There is a dull sameness about human careers that becomes, at times, a bit nerve-racking. Day succeeds day, and we seem no farther advanced along the pathway of our lives. To-day we are twenty-four hours older than yesterday, and that is all. As Mark Twain once observed, we do not seem to be gaining any on the scenery.

The most tiresome hours at sea are those when our sloop is in the doldrums, with sails hanging limp and getting us nowhere. It is then that one questions whether it is worth while to cruise at all. How many prosaic lives are lived similarly, in the doldrums! The waking hours of thousands are spent in earning a wage just big enough to satisfy household needs. Each Saturday night the books just about balance, with no surplus of time, strength or money left over. Nor is the experience confined to the humblest workers. "This is a dog's life," said a man to his companion, as they walked from work. His occupation was one of considerable importance and emolument, but still kept him, year after year, in the straightest of straight jackets.

It is not much to be wondered at that there rests upon many of the world's workers a dull mood of weariness. From early morn till set of sun they perform the toil of the day, tumbling into bed at last merely to get strength to do the same things over again to-morrow. It is said that insanity reaches a high percentage among farmers' wives. One can easily believe, but I imagine that many besides dwellers in rural parts come to regard life as being what the ancient cynic called it: "One long horrid grind."

We easily find a place in the scheme of things for a William the Conqueror, a Queen Elizabeth, or a George Washington. The towering greatness of the few requires no apology. But it is not always so easy to find an excuse for the plain John Smith, nor for his sister Mary. It is not easy, that is, till one attains the clear moral vision to see that any spinner in a cotton mill who does his work with steady faithfulness is on a par with the genius whose deeds are trumpeted to the ends of the earth.

Each human life has its own peculiar gift for the world, and it is one that no other life can make. There are no duplicates in nature. That poem of Emerson is in point in which the squirrel is made to say to the mountain: "If I cannot carry forests on my back, neither can you crack a nut." It is a parable of the widest application.

Let none of us consent to be brow-beaten by greatness. This world is not delivered into the hands of the brilliant. The possibility of immensely valuable service is open to the humblest. There is a place for the average man.

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